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As many others have reiterated, I'm telling you that the microsoft
settlement is not enough to keep them under control and competitive.
I am a programmer and I can see things that most of these decision
makers can't see.

There's a provision that says that Microsoft must publish their APIs.
Well, microsoft already publishes their APIs. They send tons of
DVD's full of gigabytes of information to all the programmers who
sign up for their developer program ($1300 apiece). This has been
going on for many years.

But this is never enough. There's always secrets about MS Windows
that they don't reveal to programmers, and this allows their
applications to have an unfair advantage in the marketplace. I've
seen it myself and I've talked to countless programmers who confirm
the same thing.

There is a group who makes software called "Wine", they allow Windows
software to run on Linux. If Microsoft really revealed ALL of their
APIs, then Wine could run any Windows software, because the
programmers work from the APIs. And, in fact, they can run Windows
software from Adobe and many other companies, no problems, because
these companies abide by the APIs that microsoft publishes - they
play fair.

The only software that Wine can't run is applications from Microsoft
- because Microsoft does NOT play fair. Microsoft programmers use
unpublished APIs to gain an unfair advantage that no other company
can compete against.

Please consider strengthening this settlement - THAT's what's good
for the economy, rather than letting off one corporation that's
sabotaging the rest of the computer industry. Haven't you noticed
that Microsoft is the only computer company that's not had layoffs?

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| "Come to the edge," he said. They said, "We are afraid".
| "Come to the edge", he said. They came.
| He pushed them...   And they flew.
| ---Guillaume Apollinaire
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